

WHAT IS A SUCCESSFUL MINISTRY?

"FOR OTHER FOUNDATION CAN NO MAN LAY THAN THAT IS LAID, WHICH IS JESUS CHRIST"

(READ 1 CORINTHIANS 3:11-15)

In this day of big business religion, when churches are measured not by their orthodoxy, but by the opinions of men, when a preacher's success is measured not by his faithfulness, but by the number of names added to the church roll, it might be wise to consider what a successful ministry is according to the measure of Holy Scripture.

According to the word of God those preachers and churches are successful who are faithful to the work to which God has called them. Never in the Old Testament or in the New was a prophet, apostle, or preacher measured by the opinions of men. God's servants never courted the favor of men, and were never favored by the majority of the people. The church of God has always been out of step with society. The servants of God have always been looked upon as peculiar, bigoted dogmatists, intolerant and incapable of compromise. But they were faithful, faithful to God, faithful to His truth, and faithful to the souls of men.

Do not be so foolish as to measure God's work by man's yardstick. Do not measure the success or failure of preachers and churches by men, by numbers, or by popular opinion. THE ONLY MEASURE OF SUCCESS FOR CHURCHES AND PREACHERS IS FAITHFULNESS (1 CORINTHIANS 4:2). Those who faithfully seek and promote the glory of GOD, who faithfully proclaim the truth of GOD, and who faithfully serve the eternal interests of immortal souls are successful. Those who are not are failures. The one will stand the fire of judgment. The other will not. — **DON FORTNER**

CALENDAR 2019 / 2020

BIRTHDAYS

Jonathan Vela August 24th
Desta Richards August 25th

UP COMING EVENTS

Fellowship Breakfast Sat, Aug 31st
Fellowship Luncheon Sun, Sep 7th

UP COMING CONFERENCES

Lincoln Wood Conference Oct 5, 6, 7
Grace Conference Feb 21, 22, 23

If the Lord puts it on your heart, visit us and "Come and see" / Si el Señor quiere, "Ven y ve"

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

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Spiritual Autobiography, Joseph Hart
Prodigal Blessing, Joseph Hart, J.A. Kingham
The Three Birthdays, Unknown

"Prove all things..." / "Examinadlo todo..."

librero.iglesiadegracia.us

...Redimido en Jesucristo, Walter Groover
Las ovejas oyen la Voz, Cody Groover
Inmundo o Santo, Joseph D Murphy

So will not we go back from THEE:
quicken us, and we will call upon
THY NAME (PSALM 80:18)



WELCOME

Sinners are welcome at our church. We are a local body of the Lord Jesus Christ. As you spend time with us, you'll soon discover we're an *imperfect* church, with an *imperfect* pastor, yet by God's undeserved grace, we preach, believe, and know the *perfect* gospel of our never failing Lord Jesus Christ. Reader, we call His name **JESUS** for **HE SHALL** (not might, not maybe) rather **HE SHALL** save His people from their sins. And beloved believing sinner you already know it — you are *complete in Him*, saved to the uttermost.

"Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" **JOSEPH D MURPHY, PASTOR**
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Sunday, 10 AM
1 SAMUEL
ENGLISH

Sunday, 11 AM
PSALM
ENGLISH

Domingo, 6 PM
ROMANOS
ESPAÑOL

Wednesday, 7 PM
ROMANS
ENGLISH

SERVICE TIMES

ENGLISH

Bible Classes

Sun, 10 AM

Worship Service

Sun, 11 AM

Bible Study

Wed, 7 PM

ESPAÑOL

Servicio de Adoración Dom, 6 PM

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Propósito y Gracia, Sermones

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RECENT SERMONS

Whatsoever Is Not Of Faith Is Sin (Rom 14:18-23)

From Him cometh my salvation (PSALMS 62)

Righteousness, Peace and Joy (Rom 14:14-17)

SERMONES RECIENTES

Cristo vino para salvar... (1 Tim 1:15)

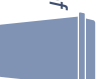
Nacimiento Nuevo (JUAN 3:7)

...la voluntad de Dios (MATEO 8:2-3)

DIRECTIONS

We are situated 1 mile south of the Denny's Restaurant located right by the corner of US Highway 59 and State Highway 242.

Show up early and have a cup of coffee with us! 9:30 & 10:30 AM



GOD COMMANDETH

“...BUT NOW COMMANDETH ALL MEN EVERY WHERE TO REPENT” (ACTS 17:30).

Observe that the Word of God shows us that the Gospel is not an offer as some men claim, but rather the Gospel is a command. We read in Acts chapter 17 beginning in verse 28...

“...in Him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring. Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device. And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but NOW commandeth all men every where to repent” (ACTS 17:28-30).

I want you to understand what you are reading in God's word, and receive it as it is in truth—the word of God.

We read in God's only holy book that the Gospel is a command; God commands all men everywhere to repent and believe the Gospel of His Son. Repent of your sin of unbelief and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. My sinner friend, trust Him alone for all your salvation; trusting His blessed person and finished work of salvation...

...for ALL your justification,

...for ALL your sanctification,

...for ALL your glorification,

... and ultimately for ALL your acceptance with God our Father.

You see, Christ is not made King and Lord by men. Rather, our heavenly Father made Him King of kings and Lord of lords; He is the redeemer and the saviour of His elect. God declares *“I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.”* And further says *“Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and ye perish from the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in Him”* (PSALM 2:6,12)

Oh what an unspeakable blessing for you who believe on Christ! A full and complete pardon of sin, and a perfect righteousness acceptable to God. Worship the Son, reverence the Son, kiss the feet of God's King, and be ye saved!

Through the Gospel our heavenly Father commands us to repent of our sin of unbelief and to believe His Son. He commands us to believe on His Lamb, the Lord Jesus Christ, trusting in His doing and dying alone for our justification, for our sanctification, for our glorification; ultimately for our complete acceptance before Him. So what is it that you and I must do to obey the command of the Gospel? Our Lord tells us very plainly and simply — *“He that believeth on me hath everlasting life”*

(JOHN 6:47) — **PASTOR**

HOLY AND WITHOUT BLEMISH

“THAT HE MIGHT PRESENT IT TO HIMSELF A GLORIOUS CHURCH, NOT HAVING SPOT, OR WRINKLE, OR ANY SUCH THING; BUT THAT IT SHOULD BE HOLY AND WITHOUT

BLEMISH” (EPHESIANS 5:25-27).

Beloved, believe it and rejoice. Before the throne of God you are without spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; for Christ gave Himself for you that you should and shall be, on that day before Him in love, HOLY AND WITHOUT BLEMISH! Oh Lord, I believe it, help me to believe! [MARK 9:24]

REVELATION 7:9-14: *“...I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God, Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen. And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.”*

It almost seemed like our brother John had to be reminded... The elder asked John *“What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?”* and John replied almost as if what he beheld was too wonderful to confirm with his own judgement, but rather committed it to the judgement of the elder by saying *“Sir, thou knowest”* and he said to John *“These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.”*

Beloved, it is by the doing and dying of the Lamb of God, the Lord Jesus Christ, that a sinner like me, and a sinner like you are doubly saved by His hand. We are sanctified by His doing and made Holy by His righteousness. The one who knew no sin, the Lord Jesus Christ, was made sin for us, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him (2 CORINTHIANS 5:21).

And beloved, we are cleansed by His blood—made blameless by our faithful and justifying Saviour, Christ Jesus the Lord, that our heavenly Father *“might be just, and the justifier of [the sinner] which believeth in [His Son] JESUS”* (ROMANS 3:26).

In the cross of Christ *“Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.”* Oh what a gospel beloved, may the LORD grant us grace to believe it! Lord I believe it, help my unbelief! *“Shew us thy mercy, O Lord, and grant us thy salvation”*

(PSALM 85:10,7). AMEN! — **PASTOR**